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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

3 November 1972

The Honorable Melvin R. Laird
The Secretary of Defense

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Ruth and I were honored to receive and are delighted to accept your kind invitation to attend the 2 December Army-Navy game as your and your wife's guests. I am contacting Major Purviance for guidance on further details.

In extending this much appreciated invitation, you did me even more of a kindness than you could possibly have realized. In the course of our courtship, I learned that one of Ruth's still remembered childhood disappointments was that during the war her father had acquired two prized tickets to an Army-Navy game but (without realizing what he was doing) had taken a business friend and colleague instead of his hopefully expectant daughter. I promised my then fiancée that I would see to it that someday she got to an Army-Navy game in grand style. Your invitation enables me to more than make good on my promise of seventeen years ago.

With thanks and warmest regards,

George A. Carver, Jr.
Special Assistant for Vietnamese Affairs



THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON

October 25, 1972

Dear George:

Barbara and I invite you and Ruth to be our guests at the annual Army-Navy football game in Philadelphia on Saturday, December 2, 1972.

A special train will leave Union Station early Saturday morning. We plan to have a Continental breakfast available on boarding and a light lunch enroute. Refreshments will be served during the game and we'll have a light supper on the return trip.

In order to complete our plans, please let my Protocol Officer, Major Stuart Purviance (OXford 7-7658), know if you can attend. He'll supply you with all the details. We hope you both will be able to join us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. Edgar Hoover".

Mr. and Mrs. George Carver

